



MISSOURI SENATE
JEFFERSON CITY

Charlie Shields
34th Senate District
Senate President Pro Tem

CAPITOL BUILDING, ROOM 320
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101

For Immediate Release:
February 2, 2010

Contact: (573) 751-9476

Senator Shields Encourages Scouts to Come to the Capitol for Recognition of Special Anniversary

JEFFERSON CITY — State Senate President Pro Tem Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, wants to encourage all scouts, scout leaders and scout alumni to come to the State Capitol and hear a proclamation recognizing the Boy Scout's 100th anniversary. The special proclamation will be read by both the Missouri Senate and the Missouri House of Representatives on February 8, starting at 4 p.m.

Senator Shields has first-hand experience of the powerful influence the Boy Scouts can have on a young man's character. Senator Shields is the Assistant Scoutmaster of the Pony Express Boy Scout Council Troop 216 in his hometown of St. Joseph, and his two sons have both been actively involved in the Boy Scouts throughout their lives, receiving the highest rank of Eagle Scouts.

"The Boy Scouts encourages our young men to develop skills in academics, leadership, and citizenship, while teaching traits like ethics, leadership and self confidence," said Sen. Shields. "They have provided our country with a century of character, and that has made all the difference in the world – both in my life, my children's life, and in the lives of so many citizens who have benefited from this great organization," said Sen. Shields.

In addition to the joint proclamation ceremony, Sen. Shields encourages scouts to take part in the guided tours of the State Capitol, which are available throughout the day, and self-guided tours are encouraged after the proclamation ceremony is complete.

-END-